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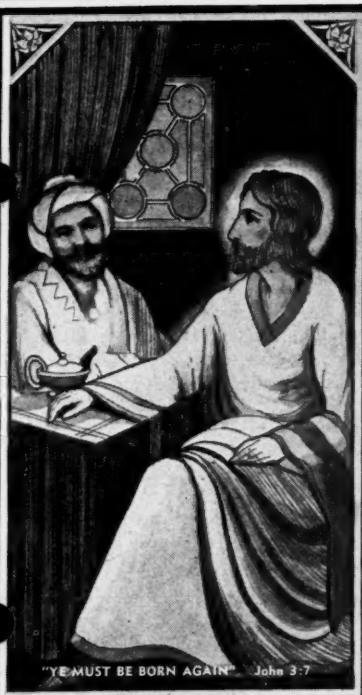

"YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN" John 3:7

HE IS JUST THE SAME TODAY

God is looking for a people
Straight and stedfast as a steeple,
Ever pointing men to heaven
By their living day by day.

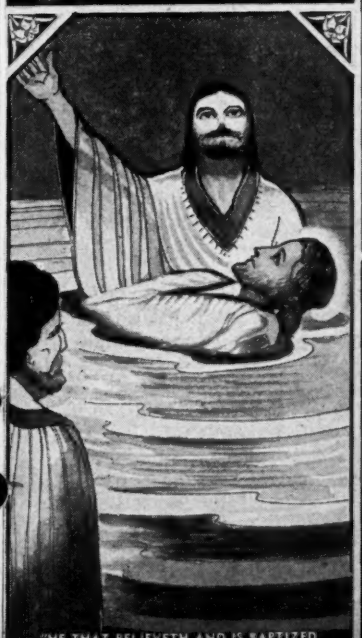
But alas how many leave Him,
Or by shallow living grieve Him,
And are drifting, surely drifting
From the living God away.

But there's power, yes, there's power,
There is Pentecostal power,
And it falls the same today
On the saints who really pray.

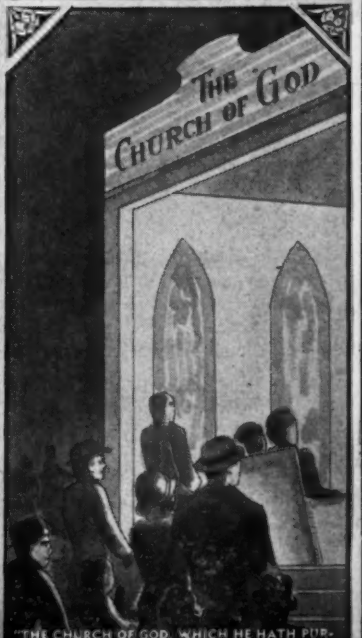
There is power, yes, there's power,
There is Pentecostal power,
For the God that came at Pentecost
Is just the same today.

—Gospel Trade Winds.

"WHEREFORE JESUS ALSO, THAT HE MIGHT SANCTIFY THE PEOPLE WITH HIS OWN BLOOD, SUFFERED WITHOUT THE GATE" Heb. 13:12


"HE THAT BELIEVETH AND IS BAPTIZED SHALL BE SAVED" Mark 16:16

"AND THEY WERE ALL FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST, AND BEGAN TO SPEAK WITH OTHER TONGUES" Acts 2:4



"THE CHURCH OF GOD, WHICH HE HATH PURCHASED WITH HIS OWN BLOOD" Acts 20:28

NOTICES

"To stir you up by putting you in remembrance," 2 Peter 1:13.

There will be home-coming at the Church of God at West Gastonia, N. C. Sunday, Sept. 10. Everybody is welcome. —Thomas Grant, Box 2444, W. Gastonia, N. C.

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J. Ernest Hall has resigned as clerk of the Ranger, Tex. church and George Cazee, Rt. 2, Ranger, Tex. is now the clerk.—J. Ernest Hall, Box 606, Ranger, Tex.

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I would like to get in touch with Sister Edwin Tull.—Mrs. Zana Cooper, Box 265, Denver City, Tex.

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We will have home-coming and Sunday School rally day at Lynch, Ky. Sept. 17. Everybody welcome. Come and bring a well-filled basket. Those who live at a distance come Saturday night; there will be service Saturday night. We will be prepared to take care of all visitors.—Alfred Nicholson, S. S. Supt., Box 766, Lynch, Ky.

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To whom it may concern: Mrs. S. M. Miller is no longer clerk at Iron City, Ga. Church of God. Our new clerk is J. W. Yearta, Iron City, Ga.—E. E. O'Neal, Bainbridge, Ga.

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To our many friends, brothers, and sisters in Christ: We are in a revival at Columbia, Tenn. in a new field for the Church of God. We have Tennessee's new state tent, size 40x60, and it is full each service. Pray that God will give us a church here.—C. E. Richard, Columbia, Tenn.

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There will be home-coming at the Church of God in Rome, Ga. Sept. 10 with all-day services. Brother J. H. Walker, General Overseer, will be with us on this day. The afternoon service will be broadcast from the church at 2:30-3:30. Different speakers will be on the program through the day. The Lindale quartet, Lindale trio, Good Will quartet and others will furnish the music for the all-day service. All former pastors, members and friends are invited to come home on that day—Sept. 10.—A. H. Batts, pastor, 404 Pine St., Rome, Ga.

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Notice to the Church of God on the Huntington, W. Va. district and others: We will have a home-coming at the Church of God at Hubball, W. Va. the third Sunday in September. All churches are invited to come. Come praying and bring a well-filled basket and look for a great outpouring of the blessings of the Lord. We are expecting Brothers R. A. Fielden and M. M. Mortenson to be with us to speak on some important subjects. There will be other good speakers on during the day. Come, you are welcome.—Ezra Johnson, pastor, Barboursville, W. Va.

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We will have an all-day meeting and dinner on the ground at the Christopher, Ky. Church of God the second Sunday, Sept. 10. Everybody is welcome. We will have as speakers our state overseer, Brother B. L. Hicks, district overseer, B. H. Enix, and many other good speakers and singers.—Ed Cox, pastor, Diablock, Ky.

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The saints of God in Atlanta, Ga., greetings. My husband, Richard Gregg, is in the Veterans Hospital No. 48, a few miles from Atlanta, in a very bad condition with heart trouble. Please saints, visit him and pray with him. He is a bed patient and lonely. He is a member of the Church of God in good standing.—Mrs. Richard Gregg, Rt. 2, Heflin, Ala.

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CORRECTION: In Aug. 19 issue of the Evangel under Request Column in the request of Mrs. R. Y. Gregg, Rt. 2, Heflin, Ala., we asked that all pray that her husband be healed and saved. He is a member of the Church of God in good standing. We are sorry of this mistake and are glad to correct same.

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Our annual home-coming day at Marion, Va. will be Sept. 24. Come and let us enjoy the fellowship of the Spirit. There will be dinner on the ground.—Marvin E. Porter, pastor, Marion, Va.

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We will have home-coming at Ferrellsburg, W. Va. Sept. 10. Everybody is welcome. Come and bring a well-filled basket and let us enjoy the good blessings of God. Brother Fielden will be in charge, Brother Noel of Tug River district will be with us, and Brother Marcum of Mallory, W. Va. All ministers are invited, and laity as well. Come everybody. We will have all-day meeting.—G. H. Brewster, Ferrellsburg, W. Va.

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There will be a home-coming at the Church of God arbor south of the highway near Muscadine, Ala. Sunday, Sept. 10. beginning at 10:00 a. m. Come and bring dinner and let's have the whole day to feast on the good things from the Lord. Neighboring churches are invited. A revival is now on and the Lord is blessing in a great way.—J. A. Brown, evangelist, Muscadine, Ala.

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Brother M. P. Cross, state overseer of West Virginia, will visit the Matewan district Sept. 9, 10, D. V. He is expecting to be at North Matewan Saturday night, the 9th, and at the courthouse in Williamson on Sunday, the 10th, at 2:00 p. m. This service in Williamson will be broadcast through station WBTH from 2:00-3:00 p. m.—H. H. Tygart, Vulcan, W. Va.

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We have changed clerks at Rosman, N. C. Please address all mail to Boyd Moon, our new clerk. — Mrs. Nora Randolph, Rosman, N. C.

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Don't forget the third annual home-

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SPECIAL NOTICE

Clerks, please carefully fill out your annual report and mail to your state overseer at once. This is very important in order for your overseer to forward the correct information for the Minutes to the General Secretary. Thank you.—J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

SPECIAL PRAYER DAY for the Great Annual General Assembly of the CHURCH OF GOD

October 1, 1939

Remember the Assembly Convenes Oct. 11-15, Inclusive

Nothing can be of so much importance in such a great Assembly as the marvelous divine presence of the almighty God. As you know, God cannot dwell with a prayerless people, but is ever near those who consistently call upon His holy name.

J. H. WALKER,
General Overseer.

NOTICE

To the Tennessee Evangel subscribers: We will not have a state paper the second week in September, as we regularly have, on account of sickness. It will be published a week later, or the third week in September.—E. L. Simmons, overseer of Tennessee.

The Gospel, Its Effect. Why?

MRS. C. H. STANDIFER

For some reason I feel led to write on this subject. I trust it will be a blessing to someone and Jesus will be glorified.

FIRST, WE TAKE UP THE GOSPEL

What is the gospel? It is good news or tidings. Paul says in Romans 1:16, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

The Hebrew and Greek words for salvation imply the ideas of deliverance, safety, preservation, healing, and soundness. So we see the gospel is the power of God to deliver, to make safe, to heal, etc. Some claim they are preaching the gospel, but they tell folks that they can't be delivered from sin and that there's no safety. They say you can't know if you've saved, or not until death. They also say that you can't be healed, etc. That may be *a* gospel, but *the* gospel saves, delivers, heals, keeps, etc.

Matthew, the third chapter, in the beginning of the gospel, John the Baptist preached to the people to repent and be baptized. He also told them that there was coming One that was mightier than he that would baptize with the Holy Ghost and fire.

THE EFFECT OF THE GOSPEL AND WHY?

Did John's preaching have an effect on the people? Yes. Matt. 3:5, 6, "Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judea, and all the region round about Jordan, . . . confessing their sins." The Bible says that John was filled with the Holy Ghost from his mother's womb. For the gospel to have an effect it must be preached as 1 Peter 1:12, with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven.

We see our great example, JESUS, before He began preaching the gospel, He submitted Himself to the baptism of John; and the Holy Ghost came upon Him.

What else did He do? Luke 4:1. He was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of Satan. For forty days He was with the wild beasts. He fasted all this time and He overcame the devil. Though He was the Son of God, He did it for our example.

What did He do when the forty days were ended? Verse 14 says, "And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about." He went as His custom was, into the synagogue and stood up to read. He read the prophecy of Isaiah, as it is written in Luke 4:18, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised."

What happened when He sat down? Verse 20, "The eyes of all them that were in the synogogue were fastened on him." Why? Because He was in the power of the Spirit. He had obeyed the Spirit and overcome the devil.

For the gospel to have an effect the speaker must be anointed from God and preach under the anointing of the Spirit.

Some may ask, "Why doesn't the gospel have the same effect today?" One trouble, my friend, I believe with all my heart, is that some ministers fail to overcome the devil in every way before they start in the ministry, as Jesus did. If the Son of God, our example, had to fast forty days to overcome the devil, what will we have to do to be successful ministers? I believe every minister should give his full time to prayer and studying the Word as in Acts 6:4. But, my brother and sister, it takes the power of God to make the gospel effective. In order to have power, we must overcome the devil in every way. That's why so many preachers fall; they fail to fast and pray, and overcome; therefore they get their eyes on a little maid or the other man's wife and make shipwreck. Jesus was tempted yet without sin. He overcame the devil. God help us to be examples.

Sister, if we are going to preach the gospel let us be examples. If we get in the pulpit with our skirts short like the world, that isn't right and it will hinder our message from being effective. Some Church of God folk say, "Why, you look so sloppy with your skirt long." You may look that way to the world, but you look more modest and Christlike to me with them longer than some I have seen. You may not get to preach in as many pulpits as if you would dress more up-to-date, but I would rather have the blessings and approval of God on me than to compromise and lower the standard.

Matt. 10:1, when Jesus called His disciples and sent them out to preach, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to heal the sick, etc.

In Luke 10:17, we read where some came back rejoicing because devils were subject to them. Their preaching had an effect.

We see in Luke 24:49, before Jesus went away, He told the disciples to tarry in Jerusalem until they were endued with power. So after His ascension they returned to the upper room to wait for the promise.

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Where There Is No Vision the People Perish

TOM BROOKS

Prov. 29:18, "*Where there is no vision, the people perish.*"

Let's notice Peter. When Jesus was walking on the sea some of the disciples, as they caught a glimpse of Jesus, said, "That is a spirit." Of course, we know that is the way of some people today, they just get a glimpse of Him and not a real vision. When they get sick and you go to pray for them and find the doctor there, when you begin to talk to them about trusting God they will tell you God is a spirit, just as we were taught when we were children, that when He comes all the good people will go up and the bad people will go down and then we will be like a vision or dream, just floating around somewhere in the open space.

Well, of course, if that were right we could not bear the cross and when anyone mistreated us we would not care if our sanctification didn't act quickly. When we get sick, if we are very bad off, we couldn't afford to take any chance on a glimpse. It takes the vision for I had rather be here on earth preaching the Church of God than floating around like a dream. Hadn't you? But when we get the vision of eternal life and joy, with the redeemed of all ages on the other side of the river, on the shores of sweet deliverance, where mortality shall never possess our beings, neither shall our bodies be weatherbeaten or racked with pain, but we will be perfect, not only in spirit but in person, thank God! don't tell us that we will just be a spirit after this life. I already have the vision.

Now let's get back to Peter. The disciples said Jesus was a spirit. Some of them said, It is the real Jesus Christ. Peter said, as he got the vision, "Lord, if it be thou, bid me come." Jesus said to him the same thing that He is saying to the whole world, "Come," the same as to say, "Come unto me." Then Peter, with the vision of course, stepped out and walked on the sea, losing the sight of the things he was leaving behind, with his eyes centered on the Prince of Peace. But just a little while before he was ready to fall in the arms of the man whom the winds and waves obey, or take hold of the Rock of Ages, he THOUGHT OF HIS STANDING. Then, as thousands of others have done, when he thought of his standing he lost the vision and began to sink, because where there is no vision the people perish. What was Peter's standing worth while

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EDITORIALS

Vision of Armageddon

"And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle. And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe. And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped. And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe. And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs, Rev. 14:14-20.

A great voice was heard from heaven encouraging the people during the last half of the tribulation week to stand true, to give their testimony and to be martyred for the Word of God. But in our scripture lesson today the time had come for martyrdom to cease. Jesus appears on the clouds of heaven and He has on His head a golden crown and in His hand a sharp sickle. An angel cries to Jesus and says, "Thrust in thy sickle and reap for the earth is ripe." This is the vine of the earth referred to and by their transgressions they are ready for punishment, but just at this time two angels appear who have reap hooks. This signifies that there will be two reapings. The remaining saints who will be slain or gathered to the Lord are the gleaning of the harvest, and the wicked that the vine represents will be gathered into the winepress of God's wrath. These saints are the tribulation saints. The first and second resurrections will have already passed. Jesus was the first fruits, 1 Cor. 15:20; the main harvest will be the raptured saints that will be taken up just before the tribulation begins, or the first seal is broken. At this time the Son of man is to reap the vine of the earth. The vine of the earth will be thoroughly ripe just at the end of the tribulation week. From all appearances we feel that the time is drawing nigh for the rapture and soon the tribulation week will begin. This tribulation week will last seven years, and at the very end of the last three years and a half transgression will have come to a full and Jesus will come on the clouds of heaven and gather together all the wicked and will thrust in His sickle and reap them.

"Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south. And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the Lord my God shall come, and all the saints with thee," Zech. 14:1-5.

In Rev. 19:11-16 Jesus comes on the clouds of heaven with all the hosts of heaven with Him. Zechariah describes this as the day of the Lord's coming, and says, "thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee." Antichrist will work with all his might to stamp out the last trace of religion, and will gather all nations to Jerusalem to battle. The 144,000 will be on Mount Zion sealed by the power of God. Antichrist will not be able to kill them, but he will succeed in destroying all the Christians, and just before Jesus comes back to reign a thousand years they are ready to ascend up into heaven, that is, the tribulation saints, which are represented by the gleanings of the harvest. As soon as they are in glory standing around the throne they sing their song of redemption and Jesus descends from heaven. These armies of Antichrist are ripe in transgression and they are the ones that represent the vine that Jesus is to gather together and cast into the winepress. This winepress is to be outside of the city, and I am sure it is the valley that is made after Jesus places His feet on the mount of Olives and it cleaves and makes the great valley of Jehoshaphat where Jesus is to judge the remnant of nations.

As Jesus gathers these transgressors together who have profaned the name of God and blasphemed His holy covenant and slain the two prophets and all the Christians except the 144,000, then He puts them in the winepress of His wrath. As the juice of the grapes were trodden or pressed out in this great press, so this army of Gentile unbelievers are to be pressed into battle and Jesus will destroy them with the brightness of His coming and the breath of His mouth, and it is then that the blood will run to the horses' bits, and this is known as the battle of Armageddon.

Joel prophesies concernng this and says, "Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up; beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the wicked say, I am strong. Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about. Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow, for their wickedness is great," Joel 3:9, 10, 12, 13.

When the Jews gathered their grapes they put them into the vats and trod out the wine with their bare feet, then they put them into the press and every bit of the juice was pressed out. So Jesus is seen at this time casting the armes of Antichrist into the vat of His fury and Isaiah says He trod the winepress alone.

"Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that

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The PERRY-SCOPE

Treasures—New and old From Far and Near

Conducted by SAM C. PERRY, 52 N. W. 35th St., Miami, Fla.

For His Appearing

"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ," 2 Thess. 5:23.

The entire sanctification of spirit, soul and body is "unto," that is, *for* the coming of the Lord. Does not this imply that herein is the preparation for meeting our Lord at His glorious appearing for which we are taught so often to look? And again, the promotion of brotherly love is coupled with this truth in order that we may be holy at the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. (1 Thess. 3:12, 13.) Paul bids us live righteously and godly (that is, in a God-like manner, holy) in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and "the glorious appearing" of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Titus 2:12, 13.) Immediately following is the statement that Jesus "gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works," v. 14. It is clear that the people who will be acceptable at His appearing are the godly ones, His peculiar people, who are zealous for His cause and for His glory. And it is emphatically stated that he "that hath this hope (the hope of appearing with Jesus, seeing Him as He is, and of sharing His glory) in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure," 1 John 3:3.

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The Christian Alive

How many professed Christians have little or no conscious experience of the grace of God in their heart! Profession, with a dead formal worship, has been one of the worst enemies of the Church in all time.

To *"abide in Christ"* is one of the important points to be emphasized by the pastor—the better he practices it himself the more likely he is to press it upon his hearers, that they may see its importance and be inspired to press onward.

High days and mountain top experiences are to be appreciated, but the faithful are those who are good pullers *through all the days.* To be up and down, in and out, spiritually, is not good.

Things that should remain:

A consciousness of God—communion with Him in the Spirit.

A reverence for and a desire to be constantly refreshed from God's Word.

A definite experience of the new birth, accompanied by a keen sense of the guilt of sin, if any exist.

A desire for holiness.

A careful walk in the Spirit, depending upon Him as a Guide in all things.

A belief in the reality of hell.

The expectation of heaven.

A careful separation from the sinful practices and spirit of the world. Fellowship with the true saints of God.

A positive compassion for the lost.

A vital interest in the cause of missions and the evangelization of the world.

A feeling of interest in Jesus' personal coming, and preparation to meet it.

A habit of and power in prayer for all needs.

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In Christ

Through Christ the sinful life is transformed. It is reversed in every respect. "Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound." Rom. 5:20. Every man "in Christ" "is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new." 1 Cor. 5:17.

Such a life is: "A life of God; a life in God; a life before God; a life for God; a life through God; a life with God; a life to God."

Jesus is the origin and source of life, so of necessity He is the consummation to which all life "born from above" directs its course, until "all appear with him in glory." Col. 3:4.

In Christ is no sin. His followers may so live, but it is possible for them to sin. Someone has said that the true believer's sin should be as "a railway accident, and never according to time table." But Jesus is our "Advocate" and the "propitiation for our sins." 1 John 2: 1, 2.

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The "Real Jesus"

Someone has said that Christian workers will succeed just as far as they brush aside "dogmas" and "traditions" and present to the people the "real Jesus." And we believe this to be true. Jesus "lifted up" draws men. The apostles "preached Jesus." He is the theme of the whole story of redemption. Truly He is "all and in all." And without Him can "nothing" be done.

The "real Jesus" was foretold by the ancient Jewish prophets. He was looked for by the Jewish people. When He came He fulfilled scripture. His personal ministry was blessed as foretold. In His coming "great light" "sprung up" to those who "sat in darkness." Matt. 4:16. A great transformation began in the spiritual world. He was declared to be "the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." John 1:29.

Millions, some among all races, have believed on Him and been saved. Jesus, the Christ, who was crucified for the sins of all men is the same yesterday, today and forever (Heb. 13:8) and His provision for, and claims upon men should be preached and set forth the same as in the beginning. And in no other way will men be saved. He is the "real Jesus," His work is still real. Tell the world of Him.

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In the Word of God

We find the only satisfactory account of the creation of all things.

We find the path of life.

We find the only reason for living.

We find the only way to live happily.

We find the only source of all good.

We find the only explanation of our troubles.

We find the only way to eternal joy.

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Moving in the Will of God

St. Paul labored as a pioneer missionary from Jerusalem to Illyricum, now Albania. He declares that he had been prevented from coming to Rome, "many times" and "for many years." But after delivering up the alms which he had collected for the poor at Jerusalem, he hopes to visit Spain and will call at Rome on his way there. But notice everything depends on the divine will. St. Paul remembered his entry into Europe for Christ. On that occasion he had passed through Phrygia and Galatia, but the Holy Spirit forbade his entering Pro-Consular Asia; so going forward he came to Bithynia on the north and Mysia on the south, but he was prevented from entering either. Then arriving at the seacoast at Troas, strangely wondering, he has his vision of the man of Macedonia and obeys God's call to enter Europe. How different are God's plans from ours. St. Paul planned to enter Rome as a free evangelist; God said, "No, as a prisoner." St. Paul planned a passing visit; but God, a two years' stay. St. Paul thought of lodging with friends; but God saw that better work would be done if he had his own hired house. Do not let us make our own plans and then bring them to God to bless. Let us gladly accept God's plans, then we can depend upon His blessing. God always goes one better. Moffatt, the missionary, thought of going to Natal; but God sent him to Namaqualand. Livingston hoped to go to China; but God said Central Africa.—*T. W. Fawthrop.*

NOTES
From My Letters
J. H. Walker, *General Overseer*

Hurrah for Georgia! She has thirteen new churches, twenty-one new church buildings, and eleven parsonages this year. We certainly thank God for His marvelous goodness in the way He is blessing our people.

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Good news from Montana. Another new church building at Lewistown.

May God bless the people out in the far-away Northwest.

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Mrs. James Rote of Canton, Ohio, desires prayer for her son, eighteen years of age. The physicians have said there is no hope for him. Remember, God can still heal.

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God is continually blessing in good old Louisiana. Notice the high lights of the Louisiana state work for 1939 as submitted by Brother Clyde C. Cox, the state overseer. This report is indeed encouraging and we believe that God has been blessing in many of the other states equally as well. No doubt we will have a great and wnderful time this year at the time of the final check up.

"Here we come, Louisiana, with our mission report. We have just closed the best state convention and camp meeting ever held in the state of Louisiana and will come up with many in other states. A most blessed time we did have, our people being better organized for a state convention. In fact, the state is coming to the front in every respect.

"We have sent to Headquarters our convention offering, which amounted to $513.53, last year's offering was $616.00, yet we raised more money this year than last year. Since we were to keep half of the district convention offerings in the state we present the following:

"Amount sent Headquarters	$513.53
Amount for state work	433.59
Total raised 1939	947.12
Amount raised last year	616.00
Gain over previous year	331.12

"Amount sent Headquarters last year amounted to $743.42; this year it amounts to near or approximately $1,022.12."

THE HIGH LIGHTS OF THE LOUISIANA STATE WORK FOR 1939

Missions

Amount raised this year	$1,022.12
Amount raised last year	743.42
Gain over last year	278.70
Total for two years	1,765.54

Note: The above amount is more than raised in Louisiana in the past ten years, as much as raised in the General Assembly a few years back or any other state.

Orphanage

Amount sent this year	$156.02
Amount sent last year	111.06
Gain over previous year	44.96

Aged Ministers

Amount sent this year	$99.19
Amount sent last year	88.56
Gain over previous year	10.63

New Members

Number gained this year	262
Number gained last year	163
Gain over previous year	99

Note: Membership two years ago was 662, membership Aug. 1, 1939 was 942.

New Churches

Number organized last year	2
Number organized this year	6
Gain over previous year	4

New Buildings

Church building at West Monroe	
Parsonage at West Monroe	$2,500.00
New church building at Bogalusa	
New church building at Westwego	
Monroe church reconditioned	$500.00

State Overseer's Budget

Traveled approximately 26,000 miles	
Tithes received from state	$422.60
Offerings received from state	219.87
Total received from state	642.47
House rent, lights, water, and gas	227.00
Traveling expenses—gas and oil	384.70
Total expense as above	611.70
Balance above expenses	30.77

Note: Clothing, car note, eats, etc., were taken care of out of the amount sent me from Headquarters.

Ministers' High Lights

Number homes visited this year	2,866
Number homes visited last year	1,734
Increase	1,132
Number converted this year	355
Number converted last year	159
Increase	196
Number sanctified this year	265
Number sanctified last year	133
Increase	132
Number received the Holy Ghost this year	241
Number received the Holy Ghost last year	156
Increase	85
Tithes received this year	$3,197.28
Tithes received last year	2,478.00
Increase	619.28
Tithes paid from secular work this year	280.33
Tithes paid from secular work last year	167.15
Increase	113.18
Offerings received this year	$1,402.23
Offerings received last year	1,262.91
Increase	139.32

Members Excluded

Number excluded this year	52
Number excluded last year	100
Decrease (thank our God)	48

Note: This report is from September 1, 1938 to July 31, 1339. I realize that you have all this information at hand but it does me good to write it.

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Brother C. H. Standifer of Michigan writes that his broadcast is proving a great blessing to the people; that he has several prospects now for the Church of God.

May God bless the work there, Brother Standifer.

The Power of God Is Real

JAMAICA, B.W.I.—I was wonderfully saved in a Baptist church in 1938 and the Lord has led and kept me from the world in all its different temptations since that time. On the 14th of March, 1938, ten years after I was saved, I listened to the sermon of a Church of God pastor for the first time in life, and oh, it was like heaven to me. He told me about the Holy Ghost. I believed him because I could see at first sight that something had happened to him for he did not look as other preachers with whom I was acquainted. On the first of May 1938 I heard my minister preach on the Holy Ghost too, so I went to him about it and told him what the Church of God preached. He told me I was not to believe them, neither have any talk with them, but there was a burning in my soul for more of Christ and righteousness. I went to the Baptist church in July for the last time, and started out for the Church of God, of which I became a member August 10, 1938, and on May 14 I received the Holy Ghost and fire, glory! There were those who were doubting the Holy Ghost but now they believe also since they have seen the power of the Holy Ghost use me. Thank God, the Holy Ghost power is real. If the preachers won't all preach it, it's right anyway.—Fredericka Cunningham.

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Jesus Means All to Me

PICKENS, S. C.—Dear saints, I am glad to say Jesus means all to me. He has saved and sanctified me holy and I praise Him for it; He means more than I can tell. He has healed me and my children too; He came to my rescue when others failed me. I promised if He would heal them I would testify to it. Pray for me and my family to get the Holy Ghost and be ready when Jesus comes. —Mrs. C. L. Watson.

BRIEF REPORTS

"A good report maketh the bones fat," Prov. 15:30.

There Are So Many Without God

I have been a member of the Church of God for six years and have been clerk. We do all we can for the upbuilding of the church. We have some neighbors who don't know much about the Church of God and holiness, but we tell them about it every time we get with them. We are happy to tell you we are one who was in the church at Yarbrough Town. We surely appreciate our pastor, Brother Kennington. We learned to love him. We have to put up a church this next year and we already have some money on it. Pray that we will get a building soon. We praise the Lord for so many good preachers on our district and especially for our district pastor, Brother A. H. Batts, of Rome. We love him so much. Sometimes we get to hear his radio program. The people of Aragon are listening in and hearing it too.

We have just been reading some of the good letters in the Evangel. We get just lots of good in reading the many good letters in it. We get our souls filled when we read it. We feel like we would like to go out in the field and work a while for Jesus. We pray earnestly for God to have His way with us. Please pray for us.—J. O. Maxwell, Rt. 1, Rockmart, Ga.

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Wonderful Home-Coming

VARNEY, W. Va.—We had a wonderful home-coming here Aug. 20. We had Brother Chas. H. Blankenship, pastor and district overseer of War, W. Va. with us. Brother Blankenship surely preached a sermon that we will never forget; God surely blessed. God bless you over there at War, Brother Blankenship. Come see us again. You are always welcome.

Other good speakers and singers rendered their part to make the service what it was. We had plenty to eat, yes, and some of the food was boxed up and carried back home. Brother Leonard Marcum and Brother Douglas Sexton were with us too and their messages were greatly enjoyed.—W. H. Compton, pastor.

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Reports New Church

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—We are glad to report a new church set in order. Sister Parks and I opened a mission at 904 Lasall St., St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 15, 1938. The dear Lord has blessed and we have a good Sunday School and Y. P. E. Brother Sumpter, our district overseer, and his wife have come several times and helped us out. They were here last Saturday, Aug. 12, and he surely preached a wonderful sermon. Aug. 13 Brother Sumpter set the church in order with eight members, with more planning to come in soon.

We sincerely desire the prayers of every saint for this small church, that it may grow and spread out and rescue many precious souls. Pray for me, I feel my inability for so great a work that I am sure God has at this place. Please pray for me. — Carrie Stringer, assistant leader, 4242 Flod Ave.

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So Glad For Jesus

VALLEY FORGE, Tenn.—Dear ones, I am so glad for Jesus. He saved me about eighteen years ago, sanctified and filled me with the sweet Holy Ghost and I united with the Church of God and have a desire to press on. Thank God.

We have a real good Sunday School. Also we have a good Y. P. E. The Lord is blessing us in every service. The young people are taking a good interest. We have prayer meetings on Wednesday night and preaching on Sunday night.

Church of God Parsonage, Knoxville, Tennessee, W. J. Milligan, Pastor

The Church of God parsonage at Knoxville, Tennessee, purchased June 27, 1939. It is located at 300 Cecil Avenue. Brick veneer, seven rooms, hardwood floors, modern bath, and steam heat. The state overseer, Brother E. L. Simmons, stated that this is the nicest parsonage in the state of Tennessee.

The Lord meets with us in a wonderful way. There are just a few of us but we are determined to go on with Jesus. Bless His good name.

I thank the Lord for the good testimonies we read in the Evangel; they are food to our souls. I am glad for the saints of God everywhere. Pray for us at Valley Forge. Pray for my children, I have three and want you to pray much for them, they are all in sin.—Mollie Vaughn.

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Bluefield, Va. District Report

SEABOARD, Va.—We are glad to sound a note of praise unto Him who has done so much for us, for the way He has blessed us on the Bluefield, Va., district this assembly year. This has been a wonderful year in the saving of souls, also we have had a property gain of about three thousand dollars, having built two new church houses, one of these being located in a nice, swiftly building valley. This building is a nice weatherboard building, valued at $2,500. We also have, by the help of our good workers, been able to organize two new churches this year and have had several good revivals. We now have a good revival going on at Smith Ridge in which a number is getting to the Lord, some being sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

We greatly appreciate the ministers and coworkers on the district; namely, Brother Elgin Elswick, pastor at Dumfordtown, Brother Marvin Jones and his wife, Brother Moses Smith, and the good evangelists who have worked with us this year, Sister Herron, Sister Barr and Sister Ora Mae Ruff, also Brother C. R. Simmons who gave us a meeting. Now we surely thank all of you ministers for your work. We also thank the dear Lord for you.

Now we want to say something about our good laymembers on this district too. We have some on this district as good as I have ever seen. We surely praise God for them. We have some who are surely faithful in paying their tithes and in giving in offerings to put God's program over.

The Bluefield, Va., district is a ripe field for the Church of God, it being located on the outskirts of the great Pocahontas coal fields. We have a number of good towns on this district that don't yet have the Church of God; namely, Tazewell, Richlands, Pocahontas, Bluefield and a number of other small towns. If you are an evangelist and have the love of God and a passion for lost souls, seek the leading of the Lord, and if you feel led to come this way to work another year, see me at the Assembly. If I don't come back to the district, I can tell you something about it, and if I should come back, I will want some good evangelists and coworkers.

Our good state overseer has just made his round over this district. We surely appreciate Brother Dorman. This is our fourth year with him and it seems we like him better each year. Now it has always been my prayer that God's man will be placed in God's place and if he shouldn't come back to Virginia another year as overseer, we want to say that wherever he goes, he has proved to be a good overseer. This is my sixteenth year with the great Church of God in God's vineyard and please pray that if I should see another Assembly year that I will be placed just where God can use me best.—A. J. Cox, district overseer.

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FLOYD, Va.—I thank God for His love; for saving me and lifting me up out of the sinking sand and putting my feet upon a solid Rock. I thank Him for sanctifying me with His precious blood. We know we can't be here long, for Jesus is coming soon. Dear sinners and backsliders, take warning, pray that God will take you back.

Please pray for me that I will soon receive the Holy Ghost. Pray for a friend that she will receive the Holy Ghost too. We desire to walk closer to God.

I have been to Danville, Va.; stayed ten weeks. I surely enjoyed Brother Newton Ward's preaching. I just came home Aug. 21. My brother, Jess Moran, got saved the first time he went to the altar. Thank God for His wonderful power. I got a great blessing out of Brother J. E. Mize's preaching. You too read the ninth chapter of Revelation and see what it says. Every saint of God, pray that we will soon get our church started.—Buford Moran, Route 1.

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Tried For His Glory

COOKEVILLE, Tenn.—I praise God for victory in my soul. I praise Him for the good Holy Ghost, for the great faith that has caused me to be tried for His glory. We don't have a place to worship in the town of Cookeville. Sister Emmaline White started a prayer meeting about two years ago. I have six children. My husband has the Holy Ghost and we had prayed so hard for them to be saved, but it looked like the Lord wanted to try my faith, but I prayed all the time that the Lord would send someone here who would preach the Word under the anointing of God's Spirit, who would win souls for the Lord. Oh, praise God for His great love and for the way He will answer prayers.

Last Sunday two weeks ago my husband preached at prayer meeting and three received the Holy Ghost. Oh glory to God, one of those was my little girl. She is twelve years old. I want you to pray that the Lord will provide a way for us to be on the field for the Lord. The next Saturday he preached again and Brother Charlie Lee received the Holy Ghost; the next night Esther Myrl Malone received Him and that made five who received the Holy Ghost under his preaching.

I am a member of the Church of God at Brindley's Chapel. Pray that my husband will be united with the Church and that the Lord will provide ministerial lessons, for I know the Lord has answered my prayers and has raised up a prophet in my own home. Also pray that the Lord will provide a way for us to travel and that He will send us where we can start a work for Him. Pray a special prayer for the healing of our bodies as we have to work so hard to provide for our children, and that we will stay humble until the Lord comes or calls for me. Pray for my unsaved children and friends.—Mrs. Ben Cowan, Rt. 2.

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Bible School Course Held

W. DURHAM, N. C.—The Church of God in West Durham ended its Bible School course of two weeks' duration, the final lesson taking place on Aug. 18. The school had a total enrollment of seventy pupils, with an average of sixty. Approximately sixty pupils were presented honor awards for their work and faithfulness.

The morning worship service was conducted in an interesting and effective manner by our pastor, C. W. Gregory. The regular classroom work was in charge of Brother John Byrd and was carried on in an excellent way, with many of the pupils being enlightened and all taught God's wonderful truths. Taken as a whole, the Bible School course was a success, planting the seed of God's Word in small hearts to spring up into eternal life in years to come. Praise God.

If it is His will, we are looking forward to and hoping for a bigger and better Bible school next year, with every pupil bringing a new scholar with him. Everyone who knows the Lord, please pray for our work in West Durham.—Eula Eubanks.

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Davis, W. Va. Church of God Reports Victory

DAVIS, W. Va.—We are glad we can report victory for the Church of God at Davis, W. Va. The pastor and saints are working together in unity and God is blessing in a wonderful way. God meets with us in every service and we have been having cottage prayer meetings twice a week in our homes. My, how the power falls. We feel that we are gaining ground and this has really been a successful year for the church here at Davis, with Brother R. L. Rexrode, our pastor. However, the enemy has tried hard to overthrow us at times, but thank God for a people who will hold on to God in the midst of trials and tests and pray until God sends victory. Oh hallelujah!

The devil is on the run and we mean to keep him going until Jesus comes, for we have learned that when God's people unite in prayer and fasting and working together for God the old enemy just can't do a thing. Praise the Lord, where there is unity there is strength and the devil just can't stand the blood of Jesus. It's a glorious thought to know when we begin to see our weaknesses and admit it and humble ourselves before God and begin to plead for the blood of Jesus to cover everything, all hindrances have to vanish. Thank God!

We are happy to say our Y. P. E. and Sunday School are doing fine and God is blessing us. The interest is increasing. We have been having specially prepared programs for our Y. P. E. and folks from other churches have been coming out to be with us. Now we have invitations to take our Y. P. E. and visit and put on our programs at other churches where folks have seen the light and are hungry for something more from God.

We have an invitation now from a place where there is no Church of God, to bring our Y. P. E. and come with a program. They are hungry for God. We are glad for our Y. P. E. workers here at Davis and desire your prayers that God will help us to let our lights shine and do home mission work in winning souls for Him right here in our own vicinity.

We appreciate the way our pastor is standing by us in our Y. P. E. He is making a special effort to try to help our Y. P. E. go to other places to try to be a blessing and lead souls to God. We are expecting to do all we can for God. Pray for Brother and Sister Rexrode that God will bless them and make them a blessing. We feel they are both working hard now to see the work go on for God and His Church. Also pray for me that God will especially touch my body and help me be a blessing to the young people as I love that department of the Church and have been the Y. P. E. leader here for four years, ever since we have had a Church of God and Y. P. E. here at Davis.

Our present pastor is the one to first start the work here, and even through all the dark places, hard trials, temptations and struggles we are able to see the mighty hand of God, how He has blessed us, and we are now gaining ground for God and believe we have one of the best Y. P. E's on the district, as well as one of the best churches. Praise God. Pray earnestly for us.—Viola Cassady, clerk.

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Kentucky Camp Meeting and State Convention

We have enjoyed another full week of God's blessings at our tabernacle at Somerset. The interest has certainly grown and our people are getting camp-meeting minded. Under the leadership of our overseer we were led into deeper depths and higher heights of God's love in this great meeting. The messages were very timely and uplifting, especially the messages brought by Brother R. P. Johnson, Assistant General Overseer. The instructions he gave us will long remain with us and will be a great benefit to us.

The unity among the ministers and laity as well was one of the outstanding features of this great meeting. Everyone seemed to love each other.

The large tabernacle was crowded and people were standing around the walls, especially during the state convention. Such singing, shouting, preaching and praying! It couldn't be beat only by a larger crowd.

During the business session of the convention we were made to rejoice as we felt the love of God one for another and unity among the brethren while doing business for God.

We were glad to have visiting ministers from out the state—Brother John C. Jernigan, state overseer of Georgia, and Brother C. H. Blankenship, of West Virginia. To these brethren we say, Come again.

Sunday morning came the time for the mission offering. Brother Johnson brought a wonderful message after which the people showed their love for God and the mission work. The offering amounted to $500.00. God blessed us as we gave to this worthy cause. Time came to close and we left saying, "This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes." Come next year and enjoy this great feast with us.—G. W. Lane, Electra, Tex.

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Tried to Be Faithful

LAGRANGE, Ga.—Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, as we are nearing the end of another assembly year, I feel like I should sound a note of praise to the Lord for the way He has blessed us this year. The Lord has blessed us with two new church buildings and we have set one church in order, besides our own regular pastoral work. These churches are located at Cartersville, Ga. and Tows Chapel. We have tried to be faithful with that which the Lord has committed unto us. Besides the Lord gave us a new '39 Chevrolet. Glory to God.

The Lord is good. Bless His name. This finds us now in Lagrange, assisting Brother R. E. Helton in the church work here. Brother Helton has labored faithfully at this place for the last three years, soliciting funds for a new church building and we expect to have enough funds by the Assembly to build a nice brick church. I don't know where I will be another year, but where He leads me I will follow. I thank the Lord for a dear mother who has stood by me with her prayers and helped me every way she could while we were building these churches this year.—W. H. Godwin, 521 Jefferson St.

Communion Service at the Church of God, Abingdon, Virginia

On the night of Aug. 15, the Church of God at Abingdon, Va., had a communion service, when God came on the scene and it seemed that the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost were walking in our midst. Also it seemed that angels were singing with us as we sang "When I See the Blood I Will Pass Over You." Hallelujah! We surely were glad to have with us our state overseer, Brother J. L. Dorman. He has worked faithfully this year for the Church and its ministry.

In the picture Brother Dorman is standing at the left-hand corner of the table; the pastor, Brother Jesse R. Burkett, is at the right-hand corner. Other visitors were Sister Margaret Jones, evangelist, who at this time was assisting the pastor in a revival, with much success; also Sister Eliza Mayes of Bristol, Tenn. Pray that God will continue to bless our efforts.—Jesse R. Burkett, 22 Twelfth St., Bristol, Tenn.

REVIVALS

"O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years," Hab. 3:2.

REAMSTOWN, Pa. — Dear Evangel readers, I thank God for the old-fashioned tent meeting that is now going on here. Sister Florence Kinsley, a returned missionary from Africa, and her husband are in charge. God surely has used her in giving out the Word. We are now entering into the sixth week. Souls have prayed through to the Holy Ghost. People have attended this revival who were never in a Church of God service. We surely appreciate the help of Brother H. C. Stoppe and his church of Reading, Pa. We feel God is working on hearts in this community.

Last night after reading Sister Stark's piece in the Evangel Sister Kinsley said to me, "I feel like we ought to take an offering to help buy Sister Stark a truck." The service was almost over. I said, "Go ahead and take it." About a third of the people had gone. God came on the scene and the people just kept giving, so we are sending $25.00.

I, as pastor of the church here at Reamstown, surely appreciate the good people here. They will stand by the truth. We covet your prayers that God will keep us in the center of His will.—R. H. Flinchum, pastor.

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ALVIN, Ill.—We just closed a three weeks' revival at the little Church of God here, with Brother James N. Beaver of Port Huron, Mich. as evangelist. Surely God met with us from night to night. There was not as great a harvest of souls as we had hoped for, but much good was done. The simple gospel story, backed by the Holy Spirit, gained favor with the entire community. Even the merchants of our town were touched deeply by the messages and many who never before favored the Church have been enlightened and are supporting its cause in various ways. We are glad to say even our Sunday School and Y. P. E. have been benefited by this revival. Pray that God will continue to bless and send us a soul-stirring revival, as it seems the church is just now ready for one.—Archie F. McWilliams, pastor.

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BRYAN, Tex.—We have just closed a seven weeks' revival at Peach Creek. Many were saved, many blessed and baptized in water and four added to the church. We set a church in order Sunday, Aug. 27, with seven members and more to be added later.—D. B. Myers, Rt. 3.

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FYFFE, Ala.—We have just closed a wonderful revival at Strait Creek church, Brother J. M. Hartline doing the preaching. Thirty-seven were gloriously filled with the good Holy Ghost, three reclaimed, thirty-three added to the church, twenty-nine baptized in water and the church is on fire for God. Many others are looking toward the Church of God. Brother Hartline did some good preaching.—J. M. Ashmore, pastor, Rt. 2.

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FOURMILE, Ky. — We just closed a revival here last night with great victory. Thirty-two testified to being saved, thirteen sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost and ten added to the church. There is a number to be baptized. Two boys did the preaching—Elzie Losey, nineteen years old, and Alfred Nicholson, seventeen years old. Those boys surely did a wonderful work here in this revival. Sister Virginia (Jennie) Bowling of Twila, Ky., came and stayed two weeks and rendered valuable service. She is a real musician with a guitar and mandolin and is a good singer. We certainly appreciate all of them. They made friends with all they met. Pray for them that God will use them in His service. Pray for the church here at Fourmile.—J. L. Guthrie, pastor.

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MT. DORA, Fla.—We have just closed a five weeks' revival here with Sister Suits and family of Ohio in charge. She is surely a good and faithful preacher. Her children had charge of the music. A Mr. Williams also helped in the music. We thank God for the souls He gave us to help out in this meeting. Three were reclaimed, eight saved and one added to the church. The revival closed with seekers in the altar. We believe if we will hold on to God He will give us another revival before the year is out.

We appreciate the interest the people showed in this church here at Mt. Dora. It is a small church but God is in our midst just as He is in larger churches. Brother Padgett is our pastor. We thank God for Brother and Sister Padgett; they are faithful workers. We hope if it is God's will they can come back another year or God will send us another brother and sister just as good and faithful as they. Please pray for us; we need a place for them to stay. They could do greater work there if they could stay here. We need more true blue, Holy-Ghost-filled souls in the Church. Pray that God will bless Brother and Sister Padgett everywhere they go.—Ruth Brock.

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SALE CREEK, Tenn.—Brother E. L. Simmons, Jr., and his wife just closed a two weeks' meeting here. The young brother surely did some good preaching, and his wife was a great help in singing and in the altar work. Praise the Lord for a young preacher like him. There were not any conversions but we were blessed. He did the people good. The revival closed Saturday night, Aug. 19. I believe Brother Lesley is going to make a good preacher, just like his father. He isn't afraid to try anywhere. You pastors give him a chance and see what a young preacher like him can do. He is just nineteen years old, but he is doing a great work for the Lord, and I believe he and his wife have their hearts in the work for the Lord. All you Church of God folks pray for us at Sale Creek, Tenn.—Roy Dagnan, pastor.

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DYER, Tenn.—We have just closed a two weeks' revival at Beasley's Chapel near Ripley, Tenn. Brother E. C. Hendrix of Dyersburg, Tenn., pastor of the church there, did the preaching, assisted by the writer. The Lord was with us from the beginning and His presence was felt in every service. God sent old time conviction on the sinners and four were gloriously saved, one sanctified and the saints all greatly blessed and encouraged. A number who had grown cold and indifferent were reclaimed. Brother Hendrix did some real preaching and delivered some wonderful messages from the Word of God under the anointing of the precious Holy Ghost. He brought a soul-stirring and heart-thrilling message Sunday night to a house packed to its capacity, with a number outside who were unable to find room in the building. This is a wonderful place with a large number of girls and boys who have a good Y. P. E. The writer wishes to express her happiness and pleasure at being in their midst and can truthfully say that I have never spent a more enjoyable two weeks since having been in the evangelistic work. I was shown so much love and co-operation, for which we are happy. There is not a large number of the young people saved and at their request we are asking you to remember them in prayer. May God bless them is our prayer.—Miss Bernice Stewart, R. F. D. 1.

Healed of Cancer

McDONALD, Tenn.—I thank God for saving, sanctifying and giving me the sweet Holy Ghost and healing my body of a cancer. I know God is still answering prayer.

I thank God for our church at Bancroft. Our meetings are getting better all the time. Large crowds are coming, and God is pouring out His power.

I want everyone that sees this to pray for my parents, also my brother and sister. They are all out in sin. I want to see them filled with the Holy Ghost before God comes or calls for them. My mother has a cancer. Pray that God will heal her. I want to always do what I can for our church and Sunday School.—Mrs. Ina Cantrell, Rt. 1, McDonald, Tenn.

REQUESTS

"With thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God," Phil. 4:6.

PRAY FOR:

My health; unspoken request; my husband to be saved.—Sister Ruth Shives, Rt. 3, Box 106, Albany, Ga.

Brother W. T. Dodson who was in a bad car wreck. — Mrs. Cora Dodson, Pryor, Okla.

My two daughters to be healed; me.—Mrs. Myrtle Bruff, 2238 Wabash St., Detroit, Mich.

Mrs. Alicy Wilson, Signal Mt., Tenn. to be healed; me to get back to the Lord; my children to be saved again; my husband to receive the Holy Ghost; father, mother, brother and sisters to see the light on the Holy Ghost and be saved; Mrs. Samples to be healed; her son who is in the hospital.—Mrs. Spurling, Signal Mountain, Tenn.

Me to be completely healed of nervous trouble; my sister-in-law to be healed of a nervous condition and other ailments. —Mrs. Mabel Lane, Rt. 2, Jasper, Fla.

Revival at Edwardsville, Ala. Neighboring churches, come and help us. Everybody is invited. Brother Jess Pilgrim's eyes to be healed; his wife to be saved. He will appreciate an anointed cloth.—H. L. Kitchen, Edwardsville, Ala.

Me to be healed, have been in bed about seven months.—H. C. Stuart, Erwin, N. C.

My husband to be healed of deafness and something like rheumatism; me to be restored to health; special unspoken requests.—Mrs. Icie Ingram, Rt. 3, Winfield, Ala.

My mother to be healed of rupture; my brother and sisters to get salvation; me.—Mrs. Maudine Graves, King's Daughters Hospital, Greenville, Miss.

Me to receive the Holy Ghost; to find work; to be led of the Holy Ghost always.—Ed J. Marsengill, Newry, S. C.

Our girl to be healed; me and my home.—Marsie Sullivan, Rt. 1, Box 117-C, Hollandale, Miss.

My two brothers to receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. C. L. Waldron, Box 405, Port Arthur, Tex.

My little girl's sore mouth to be healed; my unsaved husband; me to be healed of head trouble.—Mrs. Bonnie Bolinger, Box 32, Gurley, Ala.

The healing of my body of hay fever with which I have suffered for ten years. —Mrs. Marie Madewell, 1414 Elm St., Coffeyville, Kans.

A brother's body to be completely healed of cancer.—A. T. Little, Switchback, W. Va.

The Lord to heal me and strengthen my body. — W. T. Pearson, Pikeville, Tenn.

My baby to be healed. Anointed cloth appreciated, if led.—Bessie Luna, Rt. 1, West Point, Tenn.

Cora Dodson who needs prayer.—Christine Chapman, Locust Grove, Okla.

Me to be healed of heart and head trouble. Special prayer at your services will be appreciated. Letters and cloths will also be appreciated.—Elias Vda. de Piza, Ferrocarril No. 1, San Blas, Sin., Mexico.

Mrs. Edith Damewood to be healed of cancer; my sister and two brothers to be saved; me to get closer to the Lord; our church; my husband to be healed; neighbors to be saved.—Mrs. Mattie Picquet, 1522 E. Glenwood Ave., Knoxville, Tenn.

Me to be overcomer of a great trouble that has come upon me; God to stop some evil which is breaking my heart; unspoken request.—Mrs. Cumy Stone, 803 Commerce St., Childress, Tex.

Very needy unspoken request for my family and me.—Mrs. L. L. Swails, Rt. 1, Box 63, O'Brien, Fla.

NOTES OF PRAISE

"For praise is comely for the upright," Psa. 33:1.

Wonderfully Healed of T. B.

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — I promised the Lord if He would heal me of T. B. I would testify of it wherever I was.

In February, 1939, I was carried to the Montgomery T. B. Sanatorium with T. B. in both lungs and throat. I was so weak I could not walk from the car into the hospital. A wheelchair was brought out and I was wheeled into the building. After an X-ray I was advised to go to bed and rest a while, then if I could gain a little strength go to Birmingham to the T. B. hospital for an operation which is called the rib operation. The doctor told me they would probably take out eight or nine ribs from my right side and maybe part of the right shoulder blade. He said the operation would cost me about one hundred dollars. I agreed to go. My husband said go, so I was wheeled in and put in bed. We had a few patients out there who had taken this operation. Some were doing very well, some were not. One of the patients has died since I left. I stayed about seven or eight days but I felt led to go home and trust the Lord, live or die. The doctor told me my right lung was jammed full of T. B. germs and also my spittum was full of germs. He said I would never be well without the operation and he said that he could not say I could be well with it. Then I said, "Lord, I am going home and trust my blessed Jesus." I wrote Sister J. A. Pouncey at 62 Hannon St., Montgomery, to come to the T. B. hospital and take me home. Brother and Sister Pouncey came right away after they got my letter. The nurse asked me if I was going home. I said, "Yes." I had sent for one of the doctors so I could tell him I was leaving as they don't like for you to leave without telling them about it. Of course they advised me not to leave, said I would die. I told them I was going home and live until I did die.

I knew for sure I had T. B. as I had been in the sanatorium with it once before, and when I left the hospital I knew positively I would die if Jesus didn't touch my body. When I got home Sister Pouncey made a fire and helped me to bed. Bless her heart. She said, "Sister Brown, just keep looking up. I have never believed your sickness was unto death." That encouraged me some. Brother Pouncey said, "I don't blame you, I wouldn't take such an operation. The Lord is able to heal you." I asked for the Church of God Evangel. I wrote several requests to different names I found in the Evangel, asking them to pray for me that the Lord would touch my body and heal me of T. B. Among those I wrote to was a brother in Los Angeles, Calif. I have forgotten his name. He went out to see my mother, Mrs. J. B. Freeman, 1343 E. 5th St., and gave her my card. She gave him a handkerchief to anoint and pray over. When I received the handkerchief I placed it on my chest in the name of Jesus. I also received an anointed cloth from some of the other saints. I sent for Brother Earl Dowdy, our pastor at the Church of God here in Montgomery. He came out to the house. Sister Weeks and a few others were here. We had prayer and God blessed. Brother Dowdy asked the church to fast and pray for my healing and I think the entire church fasted and prayed two and one-half days. The night we had appointed to meet and pray for my healing I got out of bed and with the help of my maid I walked to the living room. It seemed I grew stronger and stronger. I helped suggest where to place the chair and put some books on the piano. Well, glory, I felt just like Jesus was coming, and bless His name He did. It seemed I could almost see Him. It was wonderful! Nobody knew but me and I can't tell. Never had I had such an experience in all my life. I placed a chair for Jesus and He came. I can't say He sat in the chair and I can't say He did not, but glory to God I can say He was here. After a few songs we began praying. The strength began to leave my body; I could not stand alone. Something sapped all through me; I could feel it in my fingers, my knees flopped together. I was carried to my room and with help put to bed, I hardly know how. Several were around me helping but I know I was healed of T. B. Praise God.

The next day I got out of bed and have been out since, going to church and Sunday School and helped work at the altar

in two revivals, attended most of a ten-day singing school at our church, conducted by Brother Harry Kutz, tried to preach the gospel twice, the Lord gave me the messages. Sometimes I feel like I am not doing all He would have me do about telling His blessings. Brother Haze Shaw, I could write a book of my life since I found Jesus at your tent meeting in Georgia. I was a lost, so-called Christian; it was hard for me to give up all the world as I was proud. I had some terrible dreams and have lived to see them fulfilled, something I could not have made if Jesus and the Church of God had not stood by me.

Brother and Sister J. A. Pouncey, Brother and Sister Jim Coker, Brother and Sister Leon Burroughs and prayers from other of God's children and our blessed Jesus made me what I am today, and thank God I have the good, old time religion and am saved right now, sanctified by the blood of Jesus and the blessed Holy Ghost abides. I am ready to go if Jesus comes or calls. I may some day die with T. B. but I am healed right now. Praise God. I am five feet and seven inches and weigh one hundred forty-eight pounds. I don't cough and I eat hardy, sleep well and go to church regularly and will be at the Assembly this fall if the Lord permits. I hope to see Brother and Sister Brown there. We know that the race is not won until we have run the last mile of the way.

Saints, please pray for me (my prayers are for all), that I may press on and help win this battle for King Jesus and receive my crown at that day.—Mrs. O. R. Brown, 120 Chisholm St.

P. S. To all who know me, my little girl, Sara Love Brown, has salvation and has been added to the Church of God in Montgomery.

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I Gave Up My Pride

RED JACKET, W. Va.—I praise God for what He has done for me. I am a girl of twenty-one. My mother is an evangelist and I have broken her dear heart many times by my worldly ways. I thought I enjoyed theatres, dancing and other worldly amusements, but after all my poor hungry heart was longing for Christ to deliver me from the burden of sin.

About a month ago, praise the Lord, I dropped into a meeting where my mother was preaching. Jesus spoke to my heart and said, "This may be your last call." I could hardly wait till the altar call was given. There at the altar I poured out my heart to God to save my lost soul. I gave up my pride and stripped my diamonds from my fingers. Those two things were my idols. Then Jesus wonderfully saved me and filled me with the Holy Ghost.

I hope this testimony will reach some poor girl's heart that is in sin. Pray for me that I will live close to Jesus and do a great work for Him.—Eloise Brewer.

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Jesus Is the Truest Friend I Ever Had

McCRORY, Ark.—I am glad that I can say that Jesus is the truest Friend I ever had. I thank and praise Him for His mighty healing power. He has done so much for me through His healing power.

Last Monday morning when I got up I was as well as common. I went to milk and as I let the gate to my arm caught on a barb wire and cut a little gash in it, but it did not seem to be very bad. I went to chop cotton and chopped all day. Still it did not bother me any. That night as I went to bed I prayed as I always do. I went to sleep and slept until 12:00 or 1:00 o'clock. Then the misery began. My head and body were in pain. My little granddaughter and I were alone. It seemed that what faith I had was gone. I got up and fixed some soda and water and put on my arm but the fever dried it up in just a little while. So I got one of the Church of God Evangels which I have been taking for sixteen years, placed it on my arm, went on my knees and prayed a while. I went back to bed, still praying. I began to speak in tongues and went to sleep and rested until the next morning.

My arm was swollen pretty bad, so I said to my little granddaughter, "When you go home tell your papa that I can't work today." When she told him he came to see me. He asked if I wanted anything. I said, "No, but my head hurts me." He said he would send me some aspirins; it still seemed as though I had no faith and could not pray. I took one of the aspirins; it seemed to ease the pain just a little. At noon my son came back to see me. He asked if he could do anything. I told him no, so he left and went to work, but about 2:00 or 3:00 o'clock he came back. I was no better. He said he had just a little more plowing to do then he would go get someone to carry me to a doctor. Then is when I began to think and to pray. About 4:00 o'clock my grandchildren came. I sent them back to tell my son I wanted to see him before he went after someone to carry me to the doctor. When he came I told him I wanted to try to trust God. He went to get the saints. They came and prayed; the power fell and raised me up in bed; the swelling left for just a little while. My faith would come and go. I told them I was satisfied, but asked them to keep praying for my faith. My arm is almost well. I know it is healed according to my faith. I want Him to have all the glory out of my life. I want to say to those whose faith seems to fail, hold on and just keep praying, God will answer along down the way somewhere. I want to trust Him at all times, don't you?—Frances Key.

A Work to Do

I praise the Lord for the L. W. W. B's in the good old state of Mississippi. First, I praise God for good, old time salvation. Then too, I praise Him for the privilege of working with our good sisters in the great Church of God in Mississippi.

I find in 1 Cor. 12:28, "And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues." Surely if we will rightly divide the Scriptures we will find that the little word "helps" means support, assist, or give means for doing anything. God loved us so much that He gave us a place to work in the great institution that His Son Jesus purchased with His own blood. Let's take advantage of the golden opportunity that has availed itself.

The question may arise in your mind as to what we could do. There are many and various ways for L. W. W. B's to work. First, I would like to admonish and encourage each local L. W. W. B. in the state to think of its good pastor; think of how he has labored and helped us when it seemed we had gone the last mile of the way. Now duty demands that he attend the great Assembly of the Church of God. You can be a blessing by seeing that your pastor has a new suit of clothes or by preparing him an offering to help defray his expenses. God will reward us for what we do.

May the richest of blessings be upon you is my prayer.—State superintendent, Mrs. Roy Douglas, Box 1102, Hattiesburg, Miss.

Obey God Rather Than Man

I am so glad that I can say we have a God that can save men from sin and keep us from sinning, praise the Lord! The harder we search after God's Word the more the enemy will try to hinder us. We are living in the last days and this is the testing time. We need more prayer than ever. Last year I worked in the ministry in a district for a few months. At one open-air service a man and his family were present and as I was delivering the Word we saw the man burst into tears, and when the sermon was ended, he asked to speak. He said, "I believe this is the true gospel. The Word has struck me. From this day my door will be open for you to have service." Later I went to the home. He spoke to his wife about letting us have service there in their home, but she said, "No, I belong to the Baptist." So I gave them some Scriptures and we had prayer. The next day I went back to their home, read and prayed, then I walked around in his yard and we talked a little. I told him I believed the Lord sent me to his home by a dream, and he said he believed it too, because he had dreamed of my coming, then he took me

to the same spot where he dreamed of seeing me, and told me his long dream. He went into the house and said to his wife, "Let us give this home for service." She said, "They will turn us out." There were seven daughters and two sons—all hungry to be saved. Two of the girls were crying; they wanted their father to go ahead and give the house for service, but the father said he didn't like to do things contrary to his wife's wishes. I visited their home from March till July, 1938, reading and praying with them. Recently I have learned that he has lost his speech and is in bed with not much hope for recovery. Oh, it is wrong to obey man instead of God.

We are doing our best to build a tent. Pray that we may have it ready in June. I believe as soon as we get our tent the Lord will bless wonderfully. There are a few people in Kew still standing for the Church of God.—J. T. Musgrove, pastor.

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SPARKS, Ga.—I thank our precious Savior for His wonderful love. I am still saved, sanctified, and filled with the sweet Holy Ghost. I feel good in my soul. I thank God for His wonderful healing power. When I get sick I just trust in our great Physician, Jesus, for I know He is the only one who can heal. He made us and He knows just how to take care of us. I love my precious heavenly Father. We should never cease praising our Savior for He has done so much for us.

I believe Jesus will come to earth to catch away His bride. I want to be in that number. I want to see my friends and loved ones. If I have any enemies I want them to get right with God and meet me in heaven.

I thank God for the Evangel. It is food to my soul to read it. I want God to bless all who work for it. It is so wonderful to live for God and love the things He loves. I am glad the things of this world haven't any charm for me. I praise God for taking the love of the world out of my heart. We should not listen to things the devil tells us to do but we should listen to Jesus for everything He tells us is just right.

He will never leave nor foraske us but will go with us the last mile of the way. Let's live for Jesus and do His precious will and He will take us through. We will praise Him forever up there and will be happy all the time, for there will be no more sorrow, sickness, or death. We will be with Jesus forever and there will be no more tears for the Lamb will wipe all tears from our eyes. Won't it be wonderful there?

Everyone pray for me that I will stay in the center of God's will and be ready to go when He comes or calls. I want to be at the marriage feast.—Mrs. Ollie Jernigan.

VARDAMAN, Miss.—I am glad to report that I am on victory's side. I am glad I am in the great Church of God. I have been shut in for sometime. I sent for the saints and they prayed for me and I was healed. I praise the Lord for it. I have been healed many times. Pray for me.—J. R. Nicholson.

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A Witness For Jesus

WHITTIER, N. C.—I feel that we ought to be a witness for Jesus. The precious Lord has been so good to me. I requested prayer when writing a dear saint and it seemed that God did bless. As I sat writing Jesus came down very near; tears of joy streamed down my face. I am truly glad that God for Jesus' sake saved my soul and I was assured that my name was recorded on that great Lamb's Book of Life.

I know without a shadow of doubt that God does heal. One night after I had suffered great pain and had almost burnt myself up with strong medicine, I laid a paper on the bed that the saints had prayed over, placed my back on the paper and my back was completely healed that night. This paper came from California. The way the people came to find this way of healing, they received a cloth requesting that they lay their hands on it and pray and return to this German woman. She had a child who was in the insane asylum and when they laid the anointed cloth on this little boy he raised up and shouted in his little crib and was sent home well and in his right mind.—H. W. Cooper.

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CHILLICOTHE, Mo.—We want to return and give praise to God for His mighty healing power. When the ten lepers were healed only one remembered and returned to give praise to God. Jesus asked, "Where are the nine?" So we wish to add our testimony to many good ones in the Evangel. Nearly every request we have sent in to this paper, which we love, God has wonderfully answered.

We were living down by Kingston, Mo., last year. My sister was in the hospital in Fargo, N. Dak., hovering between life and death. We were unable to go to her. We requested special prayer. Space will not permit detail, but God worked a miracle and healed her completely. Then my two boys and I were down with flu; our eyes were affected. My mother had a severe stomach ailment. We again requested prayer in the Evangel and received an anointed cloth from a Brother B. R. Hughen of Atlanta, Ga. Our entire family was healed; my eyes which were affected were completely healed while trying to sketch over the headlines of the Evangel. Since coming back to Chillicothe, Mo., our former home, we requested prayer for our nephew who had a collapsed lung. We received an anointed cloth from a brother, also of Atlanta, Ga. God wonderfully healed again and the little boy finished his school year. We have such a great God and these are only a few of the many wonderful things God has done for us. He has saved my husband, opened up the way for us to come back to Chillicothe where we can be in services again and given me opportunities to preach His Word.—Sister Melba Souder, 215 Turner St., Rt. 4.

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WEDOWEE, Ala.—I am glad for the little paper which comes to our home once a week. It is food to my soul. It gives me so much joy when I read it. I thank the Lord for His power and mercy to me. I am saved, sanctified, and filled with the sweet Holy Ghost and fire. I intend to stand true and go through with Jesus. Pray that God will use me to His glory and have His way in my life. I want to be the cause of some one coming this way. I have had the blessing over thirteen years. I have five children. The oldest one is sixteen years and the youngest five. They don't know anything about medicine. We have trusted the Lord this far. We have gone through pneumonia, measles, whooping cough, and itch but the Lord was with us. Glory to God. I can feel His presence now. He is our physician, our guide, our all in all.—A sister in Christ, E. T. Wilkinson, Rt. 1.

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Sacrificing for God

I am glad to say I am praising God for bringing me over so many billows and dangerous places safely while in Blue Hill, where I was in 1931. Sister Ausula Frith and I left, with Brother Keen in charge. Brother Jos. and Sister Martha Frith are there in charge now. Many are saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost there. I am glad to be here in my native home, where I can probably be of more service, preaching and helping win souls here. One person is saved and sanctified, and many are converted in this place. We have a fine bunch of people here, but they are so very poor. One family of five where the mother is sanctified, when she wants to go out I have to take one of my dresses and give to her to wear. Then she has no shoes, no clothes, and they have nothing to eat. I have sacrificed greatly to help them. I am on my way next Saturday to Grand Turk; that little wicked island. Pray for the different ministers who have the influence of this little place, as they have churches, and we have no church. They drag the people away from us. Think of us—with no place of our own in which to worship in Grand Turk, and we cannot keep up a rent of sixteen shillings. Brother Rigby and wife had to leave here again; expenses were too great for them, and to pay rent and get no earning elsewhere here is a pitiful thing. People are

on suffering. After they work they get no money. Please pray for us. We have it very hard. Only through the mercies of God can we live here.—Sarah E. Tucker, Grand Turk Island.

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WILMINGTON, N. C.—I'm praising God for victory in my soul. I am still saved, sanctified, and filled with the sweet Holy Ghost. God is still leading me on. For a long time I've been suffering with heart trouble. I would swell intensely at times. The doctor said if I became happy and shouted it would kill me instantly. Last Sunday, June 25, the saints at Hope Mills gathered and prayed for me and the Holy Ghost power fell. I was under the shower and my body was charged with the mighty power of the Holy Ghost. Praise God, I'm still living and praising God. While I was not healed, I am much better and am able to walk around. I am still improving. My desire is to be made every whit whole.

I certainly appreciate my dear pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister H. T. Durden. They have shown unlimited kindness to me since they have been here. Surely everyone here appreciates them for truly they are God's children.—Mrs. Dezzie Champion.

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ROSWELL, Ga.—I want to praise God through the paper I love so well. It is real food to my soul. He means everything to me. I don't get to go to church very often. I have been only twice in about eight months as I was seriously hurt in an automobile wreck Nov. 17. I stayed in the hospital about three months and suffered untold pain. It was just wonderful how the Lord undertook for me. He blessed my soul many times while I was suffering. The doctor thought I would not get well without an operation but I just held on to God believing He could heal me without it. Although the doctor set the day for the operation the saints of God held on in prayer until the Lord wonderfully healed me. When trials and tests come if we will only look to Jesus He will carry us through. He will make a way when it seems there is no way.

About fourteen years ago the Lord wonderfully sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost and I still have victory in my soul. I have gone through many hard trials and temptations but I am glad He promised to go with us all the way. He is preparing a place for us after this life is over where there will be no more suffering and we will never say good-bye to loved ones, but all will be joy, peace, and happiness. By the help of God I'm determined to go to that place.—Mrs. Elizabeth Harris.

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WIMAUMA, Fla.—I praise the Lord for full salvation. I thank God because I am still saved, sanctified, and determined to follow Jesus all the way, by His help. I want to make heaven my home. When we think of how Jesus has suffered for us we shouldn't get discouraged for we know the Word of God is true. We know the Word tells us if we suffer with Him we shall reign with Him. It means something to be ready when He comes or calls. I want to be in that number. There is no time to give up. We need to press the battle harder. I am glad God looked down the years of time and saw what was ahead and gave me determination to accept true salvation through the blood. I can never thank God enough for saving my soul, sanctifying and giving me the Holy Ghost. I want my testimony to be as Paul's, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course."

I thank God for the great camp meeting and the many blessings I received. We thank God for our good pastor and family.—Mrs. Hattie Henderson.

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We Must Practice What We Preach

AUSTINVILLE, Va.—I really praise God for salvation today which I can feel in my soul, and I mean, by His help, to make heaven my home. Although we have trouble and disappointments in this old world, dear friends, it will never do to give up, for if we miss heaven we miss all.

I ask all who read this to pray that we may be faithful just a little while longer here for I do not think it will be long till Jesus comes, and how sad it will be not to be ready. I thank the Lord for our Y. P. E. It has not been organized long but we have had the state banner once since the Y. P. E. started. We have had electric lights put in our church.

I am praying that many souls may come to God. We are few in number but I am glad that a few of us are still serving God. I thank the Lord for our state overseer, Brother J. L. Dorman; he has worked hard for the upbuilding of the work in this state, and we are praying for him to be sent back next year.

A revival is now in progress at our little church at Short's Creek with Brother John Dalton in charge. Pray that many souls will be saved. My whole desire is to work for the Lord and help win souls for Him. I want to live before my children that they may see Jesus in my life and it will help lead them in this good way of holiness. We surely have a good pastor who preaches the straight gospel,—Brother T. C. Wiggins. He is one who practices what he preaches.

I want to be an overcomer. We have many trials but it takes trials to prove we are true children of God.—Mrs. Mollie Grimes.

NOTICES

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coming of the Church of God at Alvin, Ill. will be held at the Alvin church Sept. 24 from 10:00 a. m. until 9:30 p. m. Dinner will be at the town hall. Bring your lunch. — Archie F. McWilliams, pastor, Alvin, Ill.

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There will be an old time home-coming at the Church of God at Carbon Hill, Ala. the second Sunday in September. Everyone is invited to come, especially all of our former pastors. We have a good pastor over here, so you pastors come and pay him a visit. Bring your books and musical instruments and let's have a good day's singing. Don't forget the day—Sept. 10. — Frank Pair, clerk, Carbon Hill, Ala.

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To whom it may concern: I have resigned as clerk of the Church of God at Naugatuck, W. Va. on account of my health. Brother Zeph Chapman is now clerk. I will still do everything I can to help hold up the Church of God in Naugatuck. I am in the Church of God all over and still feel like a mother to all. Please pray for us. — Angeline Fannin, Box 3, Naugatuck, W. Va.

OBITUARIES

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints;" Psa. 116:15.

LANE

Sister Calvin Lane, mother of Evangelist Jesse Lane, and faithful member of the Robert Chapel Church of God, died Aug. 17, 1939; age sixty years and five months.—Sister Alma Jenks, clerk, Covington, La.

WILLIAMS

Nancy Elizabeth Williams, faithful member of the Church of God at Mt. Zion, White Pine, Tenn., died Aug. 22, 1939; age sixty-nine years.—J. S. Walker, Rt. 1, Talbott, Tenn.

GRUNHOLZER

Brother John Grunholzer, devout Christian and member of the Church of God, departed this life July 5, 1939; age seventy-three years, five months and twelve days.—M. M. Thomas, Box 75, Ft. Meade, Fla.

NAIL

Gerstile Ray Nail, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerstile Nail, died Aug. 16, 1939.—Daisy Luallen, Forrest City, Ark.

KELLY

Sister Mary B. Kelly, faithful member of the Church of God at Fowler Street church, died Aug. 22, 1939; age eighty-two years. — Deacon Albert Ingraham, Box 108, Grants Town P. O., Nassau, N. P., Bahamas, B. W. I.

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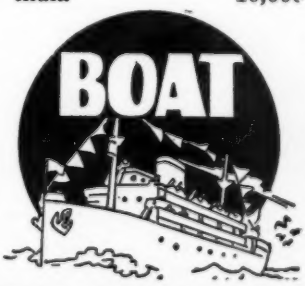

The Gospel, Its Effect. Why?

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What effect did it have after they received it? The power and demonstration of the Spirit attracted the attention of the people and a great multitude came together.

In Acts 2:14, when Peter began to preach the gospel to them under the mighty power and anointing of the Holy Ghost, it was effective for there were three thousand saved after one sermon. Oh, if we could see some more old time revivals, souls praying through to God, and confessing their sins! There's something wrong! A few years ago the power and the presence of God was in the service and it was no trouble to get a crowd. In ten days you could have a good revival, people saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. God help us to fast and pray or whatever it takes to make our message effective.

1 Cor. 2:1 Paul said, "And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God." Verse 4, "And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power." Paul could have come demonstrating his wisdom or his many languages but he wanted the people to have their faith in the power of God, not in the wisdom of man.

After all the great words we may use it takes the power of the Spirit to make our preaching effective.

Right here I would like to compliment Sister Nora James for her article on "Immodest Attire" in the Evangel of August 19. May God help her to keep preaching it.

Where There Is No Vision, The People Perish

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he was going down, when life's journey on earth was finished and his standing had failed?

Now, dear readers, regardless of your standing, don't lose the vision for we know many people who, because they think they have a good standing with some bunch of high-toned folks, will lower the standard of God to hold an influence with someone who has never had the vision. Oh how sad it is to see one who one time had the vision lose it on account of his standing and instead of lowering the standard of God, which cannot be lowered, he has lost the vision. Then when his life on earth is finished and he comes down to the dark river of death and no light on the other side, no boatman to pilot him across, no vision of eternal life and joy, just the sad groans of a poor dying transgressor, then what is his standing worth?

Let's notice Paul who had a great standing with the Pharisees and Sadducees and the rulers of the synagogues and the uptown folk who were so popular they would not reproach themselves and their acquaintances by going to that humble Church of God where real salvation could be found and where people could be taught that they could have the vision of a real God like Daniel had. Well, of course, we know there are lots of people to be pitied; they try so hard to be somebody and don't know how. Lots of people have a standing like a balloon, a large bulk but after while it bursts and then what have they? They are fooled. The thing we need is to get charity, the love of God, the vision of the great God of the host of Israel.

Well, Paul had a good standing with a certain class of people but no vision. How do you know he had no vision? Because he persecuted the Church of God without measure, he gave consent to have a real blood-bought, Holy-Ghost-filled saint of God put to death. If he had had the vision then he would have been willing to die instead of Stephen but his standing only made a fool out of him instead of somebody. We know that anybody who wants to slaughter and kill, regardless of his standing, should be shut up instead of out ranking high. No church fighter, blood shedder, God hater, holiness persecutor can ever be anybody until he gets the vision of eternity and lives up with God's people and builds on things eternal with things eternal. Thank God.

But one day when Paul decided to tear up the Church of God at Damascus, God struck him down. God hit him so hard that we hear him cry, "Who art thou, Lord?" Then he said, "What wilt thou have me to do?" Go down to Strait Street where you can get the vision and be somebody. He went to Strait Street. Well, boys, if you ever get to be somebody you will have to get on Strait Street. You can't be as crooked as a snake and ever be anything. Of course Paul lost his standing but he got the vision, he got to be somebody, he got promoted from nothing to a Church of God EVANGELIST! My, didn't he climb fast!

Come on, boys, leave your standing and get promoted. "Well, Happy Tom, you must think that the Church of God evangelist has a big position." Yes, I don't know of anything that can beat it, or exceed it. When I read about those boys who owned that fishing boat, giving it up to get promoted to Church of God evangelists, Luke, the physician, leaving his position and being promoted to a Church of God evangelist, and Matthew, the tax collector, giving up the office and getting promoted to be the Church of God evangelist, and the greatest man who ever walked on earth, the only begotten Son of God, who was offered the kingdoms of this world, humbling Himself and becoming obedient unto death, even the death of the cross, it makes me rejoice. Thank God for the vision. "Where there is no vision, the people perish."

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speak in righteousness, mighty to save. Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat? I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment," Isa. 63:1-4.

Jesus will tread this winepress alone and it will be just out of the city. It will not be grapejuice but the blood of wicked men that is represented as staining His garments. This is spoken figuratively to show something of the seriousness of that day.

"Therefore prophesy thou against them all these words, and say unto them, The Lord shall roar from on high . . . he shall mightily roar upon his habitation; he shall give a shout, as they that tread the grapes, against all the inhabitants of the earth," Jer. 25:30.

John said of Jesus concerning the closing days of the tribulation, "And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood; and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean," Rev. 19:13, 14.

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